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Ovarian Stimulation Protocol

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) In the method of therapeutic management of infertility by programming of controlled ovarian stimulation (COS) and assisted reproductive procedures (ART) the improvement consisting of

- suppression of premature ovulation with an LHRH-antagonist in controlled ovarian stimulation (COS) and assisted reproductive techniques (ART) with multiple follicle and oocyte development
- programming the start of controlled ovarian stimulation (COS) by the administration of progestogen [-] only - or alternatively combined oral contraceptive preparations